



Congressman Jeff Flake

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Congressman Flake Backs 9/11 Commission Recommendations on Driver's License Standards

Flake Cautions Against National ID Card

Mesa, Arizona – Arizona Congressman Jeff Flake, a member of the House Judiciary Committee, today encouraged Congress to act on the 9/11 Commission's recommendation that the federal government set standards for state-issued driver's licenses.

However, he also cautioned Congress on creating a national identification card used to track American citizens.

“Like it or not, a state-issued driver's license has already become the de facto national ID card,” said Flake. **“States that have lax standards for issuing driver's licenses are not only putting their own citizens at risk, but they're endangering the entire country.”**

Last year, Congressman Flake introduced H.R. 3461, which will prevent the federal government from recognizing, for identification purposes, driver's licenses that do not meet certain standards, such as the number and types of identification applicants must present. The bill will also require driver's licenses for foreign nationals to expire on or before the expiration date of their visas.

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